Fact Sheet



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Saber Strike 18

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Estonia • Latvia • Lithuania • Poland

- Approximately 18,000 participants across the four countries
- 19 participating Allied and partner nations
- Annual, multinational exercise held since 2010
- Lead components are U.S. Army Europe and the Lithuanian Armed Forces

NATO Integration

- SbS18 will integrate NATO command elements into the exercise at multiple levels through participation by Multinational Corps Northeast and Multinational Division Northeast
- USAREUR will continue integration efforts with the NATO Force Integration Units set up to ease transitions of forces through the host countries.

Atlantic Resolve unit participation

- Mission Command Element Atlantic Resolve (currently 1st Infantry Division) will participate with their Tactical Command Post
- One battalion element from the incoming 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division will immediately transition from the port facility in Antwerp, Belgium to the exercise in Poland
- 1st Air Cavalry Brigade will participate in various SbS18 training events with close air support and enabling air assault operations

Key exercise events

- Movement of USAREUR's 2nd Cavalry Regiment (2CR) from their home station in Vilseck, Germany, through the Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania and Latvia
- Multiple bridging events that will test full length systems as well as ferry operations
- Multiple air assault operations by exercise participants to secure areas before combined ground operations
- Force-on-force field training exercises across all four countries

Other exercises in the region

- Swift Response: multinational airborne exercise
- BALTOPS 18: Navy / Marine exercise
- Thunder Storm: Lithuanian national exercise
- Summer Shield: Latvian national exercise

